CHAPTER IV

DR. SUN BECOMES PRESIDENT

WHEN the Wuchang outbreak occurred Dr, Sun Yat-sen was on his way across the United States. He asserts that the Viceroy appealed to the Consul of a certain Power "to bombard the revolutionists in accordance with the previous arrangement/[5] but that this action was success-fully opposed by the French Consul, who was a personal friend of his. And he expresses the opinion that had the Viceroy held his ground in-stead of fleeing down river the rising would easily have been suppressed. He first heard of the out-break at Denver. He could easily have returned to China across the Pacific, and within three weeks, have participated in the revolutionary struggle. But he decided that he could render more valuable services to the cause in the realm of diplomacy than on the battlefield. He therefore proceeded to England, where, he says, he interviewed a repre-sentative of the Quadruple Group, and subsequently (through the introduction of the Chairman of Vickers) Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary, and induced him to suspend all loan arrangements with the Manchu Government, to prevent Japan

from supporting it, *(sic)* and to cancel the deportation orders against himself in the British Colonies. How far these statements are correct may be left to the judgment of the reader. Then he returned